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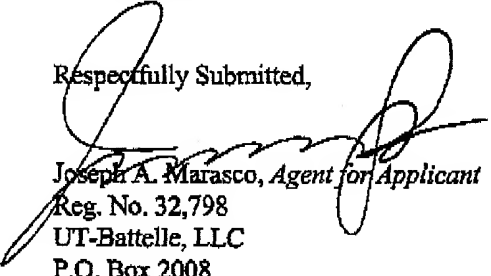
Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the office action dated August 21, 2003 wherein the Examiner Restricted the application to one of three inventions: Group I (Claims 1-4 and 19-22); Group II (Claims 5-8); and Group III (Claims 9-18). Applicant hereby elects Group I (Claims 1-4 and 19-22) with traverse.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction because all of the claims are directed toward certain distinct compositions, methods of making the claimed compositions, and articles incorporating the claimed compositions.

Applicant hereby requests further examination of the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

Respectfully Submitted,


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